

AUGUST LUNCHEON MEETING

“HR1: The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act and What it Means to N.E. Ohio”

Speaker: Cong. Steven LaTourette

Tuesday, August 11, 2009
11:45 a.m.
Solon Community Center
35000 Portz Parkway, Solon



*Congressman
Steven LaTourette
(R-Dist. 14)*

Do you know where the Stimulus Bill monies are going? How much of that money has been earmarked for Northeastern Ohio? What are the Appropriations Provisions? Congressman Steven LaTourette will speak about the Stimulus Bill and the impact this money will have on Ohio and our area. LaTourette will discuss the distribution of the monies, when they can be expected and who will get them. LaTourette is a member of the House Committee on Appropriations.

Steven LaTourette is the Republican Congressman for District 14. He lives in Bainbridge and is an eight term Congressman. He received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1976 and JD from Cleveland State University in 1979. LaTourette was the prosecuting attorney for Lake County from 1988 to 1994.

FEE: \$20.00 Solon Chamber members & guests; \$40.00 non-members
Deadline for registration is 12 noon Friday, August 7, 2009

Prepaid reservations are requested

Call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080; email staff@solonchamber.com or register online at www.solonchamber.com

Credit card payments accepted by phone
(no shows will be invoiced)

Sponsored by:



Don't forget to register for the Annual Solon Chamber Golf Outing on September 11. See Page 5 for details.

Coming Events

August Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2009
Solon Community Center
11:45 a.m.

Solon HR Roundtable
Thursday, August 20, 2009
CSU East Center
12 noon

Solon Chamber Golf Outing
Friday, September 11, 2009
Grantwood
10 a.m. Shotgun
(Golf Outing Dinner to follow. All members welcome to register and attend.)

SWIB Luncheon
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
TBD
11:45 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Ewa Antonczyk

Quality of life. Can you define it? You can probably recognize it. And yes, it matters where you live and it matters where you work. I am honored to be a part of the Solon Community and I would like to share some good news

with you - Solon was ranked #23 nationally on Money Magazine's Best Places To Live 2009 list. You can check the link: <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2009/snapshots/PL3972928.html> for more information.

Like you, I hold a strong passion for our community. Solon is home to the finest and friendliest people in the region. As chairman of the Solon Chamber of Commerce, I am in constant awe of the strong leadership that has built this area into an inclusive, economically healthy, beautiful community where we can be proud to do business and raise our families.

Although this year presents challenges and change, this is a great time to reflect on how things have been done in the past and begin to refocus and leverage new ideas and opportunities for economic growth. Through membership in the Solon Chamber of Commerce, the tremendous potential of businesses and professionals are maximized. Together we accomplish collectively what no one person or group could accomplish individually. During times of challenge and change there is no better investment for your business than membership in the Chamber of Commerce. So how can you help? You can lend us your skills, your experience, your suggestions, and your financial assistance. Please, contribute when and where you can, whether it is an idea for a workshop, sharing your thoughts on an issue affecting our business community, an hour of your time to serve on a committee, to register for one of our premier luncheons or special events, to serve as a sponsor, or to refer a friend to join the Chamber.

If you care about our community please plan on attending our monthly luncheon on August 11th with Congressman Steven LaTourette who will speak about the Stimulus Bill and the impact this money will have on Northeastern Ohio. He will also discuss the distribution of the monies, when they can be expected and who will get them.

The Annual Chamber Golf Outing is a month away. Now is a perfect time to sign up to play or sponsor a hole. Please call the Chamber office for more information or check elsewhere in this newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope I will see you at an upcoming event.

Welcome New Members

Avis Rent-a-Car
Ahmad Fetita
33003 Aurora Road
Solon, OH 44139
440.914.0021
Auto leasing and rental

Aurora Packaging, Inc.
Sandra Jones
424-44 Heather Lane
Aurora, OH 44202
888.934.0905
Janitorial supplies

Allstate Management
Joseph Polk
32915 Aurora Road, #365
Solon, OH 44139
440.519.1025
Insurance

AT&T Wireless
Drew Clevenger
7197 North Aurora Road
Aurora, OH 44202
330.562.2377
AT&T service store

**We extend a warm welcome to
our new members and encourage you to patronize
their services.**

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!



September is just around the corner! That means it's time to mark your calendar for one of the most fun events the Chamber hosts - the Annual Golf Outing. NOW is the time to get your foursome together and register before it is too late! If you don't have a full team or are a single golfer, give us a call and we will be happy to try to place you on a team. The Golf Outing sold out three weeks before the event last year so don't wait.

Don't golf? How about a fun day of volunteering with other Chamber members. The networking opportunities are endless when you volunteer.

And don't forget the famous Hot Dogs with Onions! They're a Chamber classic. Everyone is welcome to attend the golf outing dinner including an open bar and steak dinner. The dinner takes the place of our monthly luncheon meeting, so don't miss the networking opportunity.

Many sponsorship opportunities are still available while others are already sold out. Sponsorship is a great way to "get your name" out there for all to see. Hole sponsorships allow you to let your imagination run wild with games or giveaways. We provide the canopy, you supply the ideas. Page 5 of this newsletter has all the information you will need, or call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080 to reserve your sponsorship or foursome.

See you there!



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July Luncheon Meeting

Signature of Solon



Speakers Dell Duncan, Ohio Commerce Bank, Eric Diamond, First Place Bank, Lisa Oliver, Key Bank with moderator Bill Russo, Securus Financial Strategies



Luncheon sponsors Jo Perko, Diane Barden and Chris Norton from Anna Maria of Aurora



Eric Johnson, Chuck Smercina and Steven Skaggs, Ohio Commerce Bank



Dan O'Neill, Professional Placement Services with Ted Grabowski and Tatyana Hower, First Place Bank

Members in the News

- ❑ Congratulations to **Bird Technologies Group** on celebrating 50 years in business. Bird was one of the founding industrial companies to locate in Solon.
- ❑ Bo Li, **Solon Financial Group**, was the subject of a front page article in the *Solon Times* showcasing Chinese companies in Solon.
- ❑ Chuck Yarborough, reporter for the *Plain Dealer*, worked at **Great Lakes Cold Storage** for his Living page segment, "On the Job Training".
- ❑ *Money* magazine named the **City of Solon #23** in the list of Best Places to Live. Congratulations!
- ❑ **Dots, LLC** is one of a few retailers ringing up sales during the recession, according to the *Plain Dealer*. **Dots** has more than 400 store and is planning to add 100 more in the next three years.
- ❑ **Harold Hughes** has joined Keller Williams Realty. He was also "Person of the Week" in the *Solon Sun*.
- ❑ Merrill Lynch has welcomed **Jeffrey P. Elman** as vice president of investments at their Pepper Pike office.
- ❑ **Trommer & Associates** are moving. The new address is: 150 Springside Drive, Unit A-110, Akron, OH 44333. Phone and fax remain the same.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE!

Reach a potential 12,000+ people with your ad!*

- Cost for this size ad (quarter page) is \$200
- Ads will run for two months
- Deadline for submission is three weeks prior to publication
- Call the Chamber office to schedule

** Number of member companies multiplied by number of employees. Remember, when a company is a member, all employees are considered members.*

RECIPIENT 2008 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

SUMMER CAMP

- Sports
- Swimming in our Indoor Pool
- Field Trips
- Music Program/Computers
- Arts & Crafts/Science Projects
- Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks Included
- 4-11 Years Old



Adult Staff-Not Kids Watching Kids

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32800 Solon Road • (440) 248-3100**

****10% Off For Chamber Members****

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Call (440) 349-9111 for our other locations

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CITY BUSINESS NEWS

INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL GROWTH

The following project was approved:
PDI Group / PDI Ground Support Systems
Job Creation Grant for occupancy of 6225 Cochran Road and creation of 60+ new jobs.

IN THE WORKS

I-1 ZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST - The owners of the majority of Raintree Park on Naiman Parkway submitted a request for amendments to the I-1 Industrial Warehousing District Zoning Ordinance to allow additional uses, including the following: processing, assembling, fabrication, packaging, and testing of processed or previously manufactured or prepared components; printing and publishing; paratransit uses; trade schools, business schools, and sports training facilities. Council tabled this item for the Ward Councilman to review the proposal with affected residents.

TRAFFIC CONTROL – The Traffic Plan portion of the City’s proposed Master Plan was presented to Council by traffic consultant Wells and Associates at a special Council work session in June.

Council approved a proposal from URS Consultants to update traffic signal timing along the entire Route 91 corridor and the following intersections: Aurora/Solon Road, Aurora/Solon Blvd., Aurora/Solar Shopping Center Drive, Solon/Davis Industrial Parkway, Solon/Bainbridge, Solon/Kruse, Kruse/Bainbridge. The Engineering Department is also pursuing federal stimulus funding for a larger project to update all signalized intersections in the City.

SOLAR SHOPPING CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL – A public hearing will be held August 3rd on the proposed rezonings associated with the redevelopment plan for Solar Shopping Center.

WHAT’S COMING THIS FALL TO THE CHAMBER

There are some exciting new things coming to the Chamber this fall, including:

Member Survey

This survey, sent to the main contact at all member companies, will ask what new initiatives the Chamber can take to add value and new benefits to membership.

Membership Software Upgrade

The company providing the Chamber with its membership management software had released a new version that is completely web-based. This new software will be uploaded to the Chamber on Friday, September 25. Prior to this date, the Chamber will communicate the exciting new features available to members, including easier online registration, secure member page on the Chamber web site, and more.

We’re Going Green

Our regional collaboration with the Aurora and Twinsburg chambers will bring the first Chamber “Green” Show to our area. This show will be both a business to business and business to consumer show. See page 7 for details.

Solon Young Professionals Luncheon

Hawthorne Valley Country Club

Chamber Hours

The Chamber office will close for lunch one half hour Monday through Thursday from 12 noon and 12:30 p.m.

Friday hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon



SYP Chairman, Melissa Niosi and speaker Paul Meshanko from Edge Learning Institute of Ohio



Holly Hughes, Marketplace Events, Daniel Dance, Specialized Business Software and Nicole Mossbrugger, Sun Newspapers



This group from SS&G Financial Services, Inc. came to hear how to balance work and home and reduce stress



Keith Schuster, EMI Insurance, Julia Dolsen, Energy Focus, Inc. and Evan Ross, MRSC Insurance, Inc.

Solon Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing Scramble

Friday, September 11, 2009

10:00 a.m. Shotgun
(Same as last year - one shotgun)

Golf & Dinner: Grantwood Golf Course
38855 Aurora Road, Solon



BE A SPONSOR - PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!

There are several ways to get involved.
Simply choose one of the following sponsorship levels.

Hole Sponsors (18): \$300

Package consisting of one hole sign, two tee signs

Bonus: Interactive display at hole - we supply the canopy, you supply the ideas!

Beverage Cart Sponsors (2): \$300 - SOLD OUT

Travel around the course greeting thirsty golfers!

Lunch Sponsors (2): \$200 - SOLD OUT

Sponsor the "Hot Dog" stand or the "Pizza & Sub" tent.

Tee Sponsor: \$75

Golf Ball Tee Sign with your company name.

Breakfast Sponsor (1): \$75 - SOLD OUT

Welcome golfers with coffee and a snack.

Skill Shot Sponsors (3): \$100

Your name on signs & announced at dinner!

Golf Cart Sponsor (1): \$500

Your name on all golf carts!

All Sponsors receive recognition in program,
on Chamber web site, and in Chamber newsletter.

2009

"Premier Golf Sponsors"



KeyBank



PLAY GOLF!

Golfer's Complete Package:

\$125 per person

Non-Golfer's Package:

\$45 (Open bar & dinner)

Please sign me up for the following:

- Hole Sponsor (\$300)
- Tee Sponsor (\$75)
- Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$300)
- Lunch Sponsor (\$200)
- Breakfast Sponsor (\$75)
- Skill Shot Sponsors (\$100)
- Golf Cart Sponsor (\$500)

Complete Golfer's Package (\$125)

Golfer's Name(s) Company

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(Note: we will match single golfers)

Non-Golfer's Package (\$45-open bar & dinner)

Name(s) Company

1. _____
2. _____

Payment enclosed: _____
Method of Payment: check credit card
 Master Card Visa American Express
Card # _____
Expiration date _____

Make checks payable and send to
Solon Chamber of Commerce
33595 Bainbridge Road #101 Solon, Ohio 44139

Questions: call 440.248.5080

Sponsorships are limited so sign up early. Fax this form to 440.248.9121 to reserve your spot. Reservations firm upon receipt of payment. Deadline for registration is August 28, 2009.

MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

The following discounts are available to all employees of Solon Chamber of Commerce member companies. To take advantage of member-to-member discounts, show your employee ID or business card.



Beauty & Spa Services

Maria Giallanza Salon – 440.349.4435
20% discount on services over \$25.00

Moxie Hair Design – 440.498.0444
10% off all services including hair, color, nail and waxing services.

Bowling

Solon Freeway Lanes – 440.585.1294
10% off pizza, pop & pins package (limit 6)

Child Care

Solon Creative Playrooms –
440.248.3100
10% off child care services
(Must have at least 5 families from one (1) corporation to qualify.)

Computer Consultants

ALG Computer Training & Consulting – 440.349.5555
Free computer needs analysis

Copy Service/Printing

FedEx Kinko'sSM – 440.498.5679
15% off products and services

Kondik Advertising & Printing Inc.
216.292.6060
10% off imprinted promotional products

Education/Training

CSU East Center – 216.802.3005
15% discount on non-credit courses -
CSU Division of Continuing Education

Employment Agency

EverStaff – 440.349.4800
10% off standard direct placement fee
2 days free (minimum 2 week order)
on any temporary order.

Equipment Repair

M&D Ltd. – 440.914.1252
10% off equipment, parts and labor on repair of outdoor power equipment, vacuum cleaners, etc.

Golf

Grantwood Golf Course –
440.248.4646
Discounts off corporate golf packages, please call Grantwood for details.

Hawthorne Valley Country Club –
440.232.1400
Designee membership that includes the ability to play golf six times per year and eat in the dining room 12 times per year. Call Bob Zeman to activate.

Heating & Cooling

P.K. Wadsworth Heating & Cooling -
440.248.2110
\$20.00 off Precision tune-up with free hot water tank check up (\$49.00 value).

Home Closing Costs

Third Federal Savings & Loan –
330.963.3130
\$250 discount off closing costs

Hotels

Hampton Inn® – 440.542.0400
10% discount on room rack rate

The Club at Hillbrook – 440.247.4940
Bed & Breakfast, 10% off suite prices
Members can also dine here twice per year. Reservations required.

Homewood Suites by Hilton *NEW!*

440.519.9500
10% discount on rack room rate

Janitorial Supplies/Services

Adjer Industries – 440.542.0079
20% off catalog price on all maintenance/janitorial; will beat any competitor's price on light bulbs

Sterling Commercial Cleaning –
330.626.2987
20% off office cleaning

Legal Services

Harry J. Jacob III, Attorney at Law -
440.349.3301
20% off standard legal fees

NatureStore

Wildlife Garden – 440.248.4994
20% off any ONE item

OfficeSupplies

Office Max – 440.349.2071
FREE Retail Connect Card entitling employees to discounts.

Online Auctions

Snappy Auctions – 216.310.3169
5% discounted commission on your items sold online.

Optical/Eye Glasses & Contacts

Berris Optical – 440.349.2225
10% off manufacturer's suggested retail price on all frames and prescription lenses; 5% off contact lenses; and \$5 off eye exams

Photography

Ellie Vayo Photography –
440.542.9257
\$25.00 off any service

Refurbished Laser Jets, Laptops & Repairs

The Source – 330.963.1001
Chamber members can take 10% off on: refurbished printers, pc's or laptops; all repair labor (on-site or depot); maintenance contracts; network services, and compatible toner cartridges.

Recycling/Shredding Service

Northcoast Recycling & Shredding –
440.943.6968
10% off all on site shred jobs over one hour or any in-house shreds over \$500.00.

Rental Property *NEW!*

Liberty Hill Apartments-
440.248.8373
Reduced \$99.00 deposit and first month free for members who lease an apartment. Referrals receive a \$25.00 gas card.

Self-Storage

Storage Zone – 440.542.1808
10% off monthly storage rate

Transportation

People Express Transportation -
440.248.3007
10% off all ground transportation, airport drop off & pickup etc.

Travel

Action Travel – 440.248.4949
Free two-night hotel stay (used at future date) when booking five- to seven-night tour package or cruise vacation (Destination choices include Honolulu, St. Thomas, Las Vegas, Orlando); restrictions apply.

August, 2009

Add your Member to Member Discount here! Call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080 for more information.

3rd GREEN Business Show 2009



Join the GREEN Bandwagon
 Bring your business and products
 to the people. Free Admission!

Thursday, Oct. 29

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn

Twinsburg

8971 Wilcox Drive

Green Features

“Paperless” Registration
 Electronic Booth Directory
 Recyclable Booth Signs
 How Your Business Can Save \$\$
 Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

Presenting Sponsor

Place your name here!

Why Sponsor

Three Times the Exposure!
Reach your target audience
Generate sales leads
Display your products

Sponsorships

- Presenting** (call for information)
- Platinum Sponsor \$1,000**
 Complimentary Double Booth
 Name/logo on all promotional material
 Name/logo on Sponsor Banner
 Electronic Event Tickets
- Gold Sponsor \$500**
 Complimentary Regular Booth
 Name on all promotional material
 Name/logo on Sponsor Banner
 Electronic Event Tickets
- Silver Sponsor \$300**
 Complimentary Regular Booth
 Name on Sponsor Banner
 Name on selected promotional material
 Electronic Event Tickets

To secure a sponsorship,
 call the Solon Chamber of Commerce
 at 440-248-5080

*Thanks for your participation! No refunds after Sept. 29, 2009
 Refunds prior to Sept. 29 minus \$20 handling fee*



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Survey Task Force Mtg. Swagelok 8:30 a.m.	7	8
9	10 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	11 August Luncheon Mtg. Solon Com. Ctr 11:45 a.m.	12 Membership Com. Mtg. Hampton Inn 8:30 a.m.	13 Board of Directors Mtg. Solon City Hall 8 a.m.	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Solon HR Roundtable CSU 12 noon	21 Golf Com. Mtg. Grantwood 8 a.m.	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

Solon Chamber of Commerce Mission

To serve as advocates for the business community by supporting and fostering vibrant economic growth.

WAYS TO PROMOTE YOUR COMPANY

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Advertising in the newsletter is a great way to reach other Chamber members. Please call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080 to schedule your ad.

DOOR PRIZES NEEDED!

Donate a door prize and receive recognition for your company at a Chamber event. Yes, the door prize can have your company name on it, thereby extending the value of your donation. Please call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080 for de-

GOLF OUTING SPONSORSHIPS

Now is the time to reserve your golf outing sponsorship. See the flyer on page 5 of this newsletter for a list of sponsorship levels. It's a great way to advertise and have fun at the same time! Call 440.248.5080 for details and to reserve your sponsorship. They sell out fast, so don't delay!

GET LINKEDIN!

Sign up for an account at www.linkedin.com and join the Solon Chamber of Commerce group. It is a good way to stay connected with other members and events at the chamber!

BIRD TECHNOLOGIES GROUP CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN SOLON

On July 20, 2009, Mayor Kevin Patton awarded Bird Technologies Group with a Proclamation in recognition of their 50th anniversary in the City of Solon.

Bird Electronic Corporation began operations at their 30303 Aurora Road location in July, 1959, having moved from downtown Cleveland. Founded in 1942, Bird Electronic Corporation, which is now known as Bird Technologies Group, is a manufacturer of innovative products and services through their industry leading product line brand, Bird Electronic and TX RX Systems. Bird provides test equipment instruments that are accurate, rugged and easy to operate. Industry leading components and products include: Site Analyzers, Wattmeters, Digital Power Meters and Sensors, Antennas, Signal Boosters and Tower Top Amplifiers.

Since locating to Solon 50 years ago, Bird Electronic Corporation has also been an active member of the Solon Chamber of Commerce. James Bird, Marketing Specialist, at Bird Technologies Group served as Director of the Solon Chamber in 2007.